

Thursday 6 February 2025

Votes and Proceedings

The House met at 9.30 am.

Prayers

- 1 Questions to (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
 (2) the Solicitor General
- 2 Urgent Question: Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (Anneliese Dodds)
- 3 Business Question (Leader of the House)
- 4 Statement: UK-EU relations (Nick Thomas-Symonds)
- 5 Backbench Business
 - (1) Government support for coalfield communities

The Deputy Speaker announced a time limit on backbench speeches (Standing Order No. 47(1)).

Resolved, That this House has considered Government support for coalfield communities.—(*Adam Jogee.*)

(2) Financial education

Resolved, That this House has considered financial education.—(Jerome Mayhew.)

6 Adjournment

Subject: Government support for the manufacturing and engineering industry in Northern Ireland (Jim Shannon)

Motion made and Question proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gen Kitchen.)

At 5 pm, the Motion lapsed (Standing Order No. 9(3)).

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gen Kitchen.)

Adjourned at 5.25 pm until Monday 10 February.

Other Proceedings

Lords Messages

7 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]

*This item has been corrected since publication. See the Votes and Proceedings with Monday 10 February 2025.

The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about access to customer data and business data; to make provision about services consisting of the use of information to ascertain and verify facts about individuals; to make provision about the recording and sharing, and keeping of registers, of information relating to apparatus in streets; to make provision about the keeping and maintenance of registers of births and deaths; to make provision for the regulation of the processing of information relating to identified or identifiable living individuals; to make provision about privacy and electronic communications; to establish the Information Commission; to make provision about information standards for health and social care; to make provision about the grant of smart meter communication licences; to make provision about the disclosure of information to improve public service delivery; to make provision about the retention of information by providers of internet services in connection with investigations into child deaths; to make provision about providing information for purposes related to the carrying out of independent research into online safety matters; to make provision about the retention of biometric data; to make provision about services for the provision of electronic signatures, electronic seals and other trust services; and for connected purposes, to which they desire the agreement of the Commons.

8 Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords]

The Lords disagree to an Amendment proposed by the Commons to the Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords] and propose an Amendment to the words so restored to the Bill to which they desire the agreement of the Commons; they disagree with the Commons in another Amendment; and they agree with the Commons in their other Amendments.

First Reading and Printing of Lords Bills

9 Data (Use and Access) Bill [Lords]

Bill read the first time; to be read a second time on Monday 10 February, and to be printed (Bill 179) with Explanatory Notes (Bill 179–EN).

Printing of Lords Amendments

10 Water (Special Measures) Bill [Lords]

Lords Amendments to be considered on Monday 10 February, and to be printed (Bill 181).

Changes to Notices Given

11 Off-road Bikes (Police Powers) Bill

Order for Second Reading on Friday 7 March, read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 11 July.

General Committees: Reports

12 Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill Committee

Sir Christopher Chope (Chair) reported written evidence submitted to the Committee.

Written evidence to be published.

13 Crown Estate Bill [Lords] Committee

David Mundell (Chair) reported:

- (1) That the Committee had come to the following Resolution, That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication;
- (2) written evidence submitted to the Committee; and
- (3) the Bill, as amended.

Written evidence to be published.

Bill, as amended, to be considered on Monday 10 February; and to be printed (Bill 176).

General Committees: Appointments

The Speaker appoints the Chair of General Committees and members of Programming Sub-Committees, and allocates Statutory Instruments to Delegated Legislation Committees.

The Committee of Selection nominates Members to serve on General Committees (and certain Members to serve on Grand Committees).

14 Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill

Chairs: Mrs Emma Lewell-Buck, Sir Desmond Swayne, Matt Western and Sir Jeremy Wright

15 First Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Carolyn Harris

Members: John Lamont discharged and Simon Hoare nominated in substitution.

16 Second Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Sir Desmond Swayne

17 Third Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Energy Bill Relief Scheme and Energy Bills Discount Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2024)

Chair: Graham Stringer

18 Fourth Delegated Legislation Committee (draft Mesothelioma Lump Sum Payments (Conditions and Amounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2025) and (draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2025)

Chair: Sir Jeremy Wright

Members: Rebecca Smith discharged and Harriet Cross nominated in substitution.

Select Committees: Reports

19 Backbench Business Committee

Determination of business to be taken on Thursday 27 February and Thursday 6 March in Westminster Hall (Bob Blackman).

20 Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The work of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Written evidence, to be published (HC 330) (Dame Caroline Dinenage).

21 National Security Strategy (Joint Committee on)

The work of the National Security Adviser: Written evidence, to be published (HC 679) (Matt Western).

22 Public Accounts (Committee of)

- (1) Energy bills support: Oral and written evidence, to be published (HC 511);
- (2) HMRC Customer Service and Accounts 2023–24: Written evidence, to be published (HC 347)
- (Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown).

Sir Lindsay Hoyle

Speaker

Westminster Hall

The sitting began at 1.30 pm.

Business determined by the Backbench Business Committee (Standing Orders No. 10(7) and No. 14(4))

1 Open access operators for rail services

Resolved, That this House has considered open access operators for rail services.—(Martin Vickers.)

The sitting was suspended between 2.33 pm and 3 pm.

2 Debt cancellation for low-income countries

Resolved, That this House has considered debt cancellation for low-income countries.— (Bambos Charalambous.)

Sitting adjourned without Question put (Standing Order No. 10(14)).

Adjourned at 4.15 pm until Monday 10 February.

Ms Nusrat Ghani

Chairman of Ways and Means

Papers Laid

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution

1 Rating and Valuation

Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Levy and Safety Net) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

2 Senior Courts of England and Wales

Draft Civil Proceedings and Magistrates' Courts Fees (Amendment) Order 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Shabana Mahmood)

Papers subject to Negative Resolution

3 Spain No. 1 (2025)

Agreement, done at London on 16 September 2024, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Spain on the Free Pursuit of Gainful Occupation by Dependants of Members of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices (by Command) (CP 1271), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Act) (Secretary David Lammy)

4 Terms and Conditions of Employment

Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Transfer of Staff to the Civil Nuclear Police Authority) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 114), dated 4 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

5 Tribunals and Inquiries

Valuation Tribunal for England (Membership and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (SI, 2025, No. 112), dated 4 February 2025 (by Act), with an Explanatory Memorandum (by Command) (Jim McMahon)

Other papers

6 Housing and Regeneration

Report and Accounts of the Regulator of Social Housing for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 629) (Secretary Angela Rayner)

7 Marine and Coastal Access

Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities: Conduct and Operations Report for 2018–2022 (by Act) (Secretary Steve Reed)

8 National Audit

Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Revenue & Customs: The administrative cost of the tax system (by Act), to be printed (HC 675) (Clerk of the House)

9 National Lottery

Report and Accounts of the English Sports Council Grant-in-Aid and National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2023–24, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General (by Act), to be printed (HC 654) (Stephanie Peacock)

10 Planning

Initial proposal for a National Policy Statement for Nuclear Energy Generation (EN-7) (by Act) (Secretary Ed Miliband)

11 Representation of the People

Explanatory Memorandum to the Parliamentary Elections and Recall Petition (Welsh Forms) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1273) (by Command) (Rushanara Ali)

12 Supply Estimates, 2024–25

Supplementary Estimate for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority for 2024–25 (by Act), to be printed (HC 613) (The Speaker)

13 Supply Estimates, 2025–26

Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2025–26 for the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (by Act), to be printed (HC 614) (The Speaker)

Withdrawn papers

14 Representation of the People

Explanatory Memorandum to the Parliamentary Elections and Recall Petition (Welsh Forms) (Amendment) Order 2024 (SI, 2024, No. 1273) (laid 4 December 2024)

CORRECTION

Wednesday 5 February 2025

Item 31 (Select Committee: Reports) should have read:

Welsh Affairs Committee

- (1) The impact of the closure of Holyhead port: Oral evidence, to be published (HC 658);
- (2) Correspondence from the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers relating to the proposed reductions in agricultural property relief and business property relief: Written evidence, to be published;
- (3) Correspondence with the Secretary of State relating to the Spending Review: Written evidence, to be published;
- (4) The work of the Secretary of State for Wales: Written evidence, to be published (HC 597)

(Ruth Jones).